

## GENERAL NOTES.

**Occurrence of a Dovekie at Port Washington, Wis.**—On January 11, 1908, some boys hunting along the ice fringe of Lake Michigan at Port Washington, about twenty-five miles north of Milwaukee, shot a bird which was strange to them and which they carried to Dr. C. W. Beemer of that town for identification. Dr. Beemer correctly determined it as a Dovekie (*Alle alle*) and had it mounted by a local taxidermist. He has since presented it to the Public Museum of the City of Milwaukee. The sex was not determined. The bird appears to be an adult in ordinary winter plumage.

I believe that this is the first record for this bird as far west in the United States as Wisconsin. Its presence was presumably accidental, storm-driven, rather than a voluntary straying from its coastwise habitat.—HENRY L. WARD, *Milwaukee, Wis.*

**An Addition to the Birds of Iowa.**—The Museum of Natural History of the University of Iowa, at Iowa City, obtained a fine female specimen, in good plumage, of the Long-tailed or Arctic Jæger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*), which was captured near Lone Tree, Johnson County, Iowa, on or about June 15, 1907. The bird was seen flying around with the pigeons on the farm of Mr. Charles Prizler, near Lone Tree, and a shot from his gun broke the bird's wing and enabled Mr. Prizler to capture it alive. The bird was brought to Iowa City and presented to Professor C. C. Nutting, of the department of Zoölogy, and identified by him. I saw the bird two or three days later, after it had been mounted by Mr. Homer R. Dill, the University taxidermist, and verified the measurements and identity. The coloration and measurements are those of the typical adult, as given in Coues's 'Key' and Ridgway's 'Manual.' I know of no previous record of the occurrence of the Long-tailed Jæger in Iowa, although its congener, *Stercorarius parasiticus*, has been taken at least twice; once on the Mississippi at Keokuk, Oct. 6, 1896, and preserved by Mr. Win. G. Praeger, and one specimen at Eagle Lake, Hancock County, Sept. 20, 1905, and now in the Coe College collection at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, recorded by Dr. B. H. Bailey.—RUDOLPH M. ANDERSON, *Macon, Missouri.*

**The Black Tern at Camden, N. J., and Philadelphia, Pa.**—In 'The Auk' for April, 1907, page 211, I recorded the observation of a Black Tern (*Hydrochelidon nigra surinamensis*) on the Delaware River at Philadelphia, Pa., but as the bird was not taken there appears to be some doubt, in the minds of some ornithologists, at least, as to the reliability of my identification, and in this connection I would like to assure the most incredulous that I made no mistake, for if I had been in the least doubt, I certainly would never had recorded its occurrence. However, I am now able to